





PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: PD- 200305

Customer No.: 020991

## <u>UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</u>

In re Application of:

Steve Thompson et al.

Application No.: 09/975,051

Filed: October 11, 2001

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A System and Method for Controlling Interference Affecting Satellite Terminals in a Satellite Communications Network by Establishing and Using Virtual Cells which are Independent of the Cells Formed by the Spot Beams Generated by the Satellite Group Art Unit: Examiner:

Date: November 28, 2001

## **RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

- X Transmitted herewith are a Response, Drawing Change Authorization Request, and Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.
- Applicants Petition for a Two-Month Extension of time, and authorize payment of the petition fee of \$390 to Deposit Account No. 50-0383.
- Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
- The fee for claims is calculated below.

	CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING	HIGHEST NUMBER	PRESENT			ADDITIONAL	
	AFTER AMENDMENT	PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	<b>EXTRA</b>		RATE	FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	24	24	0	\$	18.00 =	\$	0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	3	Ö	\$	80.00 =	\$	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS				\$	260.00 =	· \$	U
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:						\$	0

Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383.

Respectfully submitted,

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## DRAWING CHANGE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Permission is hereby requested to add the attached Figs. 3 and 4 to the aboveidentified application. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number indicated below.

Respectfully Submitted

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